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Dear Mr. Wecht,

Had I not known you were in New Orleans yesterday I would have phoned you on my return from the Washington courtroom. I would like you to know what really happened there, what we almost succeeded in doing and should have (and it was in no way the fault of the judge or the skill of the Department of Justice lawyers that we did not) and what we can still do, if you will help.

It is beyond my capacity to go to Pittsburgh, and I cannot carry my files there. I do hope that in the near future you are near enough so you can come here.

Despite the temporary failure that should have been our greatest success, I assure you that we sustained no real defect. The government must now be hysterical to perpetrate the stupidities they have just pulled. Do not be deceived by the misrepresentation of the "study" of the junior-grade Warren Commission of your peers. It has an entirely different significance that has been attributed to it. It is a major plus for us when it is properly analyzed and understood.

If you can possibly get here, I do wish you would. I also renew my plea that you consider filing a suit for me on this affair. I think, <u>especially</u> after yesterday, we will succeed. If I do not soon find a lawyer who will do this I will have to undertake it myself. I need not quote you the lawyer's maxim, but I will have no other choice.

I have been promised a copy of this "study". I have read it. If you'd like, I'll send you a copy of it and the addition I plan to POST MORTEM about it.

I do not pretend to understand what lies behind what happened in New Orleans yesterday, nor to really know who was responsible. I hope that, having been there, you might have a glimmer. Nor do I know when or if I'll be going there. When I see you I will, if you'd like, tell you what I do know, what happened in my presence, which is enough to be deeply disturbing.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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